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for 3 days	Public Enemies	A	Phillip Terry, Wendy Barrie
Sunday July 12	REMEMBER THE NIGHT	A	Barbara Stanwyck Fred MacMurray
for 1 day	Women Without Names	A	Ellen Drew, Robert Paige
Monday July 13	BACK ROOM BOY	U	Arthur Askey, Moore Marriott, Graham Moffat
for 3 days	Mob Town	A	The Dead End Kids, Dick Foran
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for 3 days	Wavell's 30,000	U	
Sunday July 19	ADAM HAD FOUR SONS	A	Warner Baxter Ingrid Bergman
for 1 day	The Lone Wolf Strikes	A	Warren William, Joan Perry
Monday July 20	APPOINTMENT FOR LOVE	U	Charles Boyer Margaret Sullavan
for 3 days	The Devil's Pipeline	A	Richard Arlen, Andy Devine
Thursday July 23	BABES ON BROADWAY	U	Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland
for 3 days	Full Supporting Programme		
Sunday July 26	GATES OF ALCATRAZ	A	Walter Connolly, Iris Meredith
for 1 day	Blondie Plays Cupid	U	Penny Singleton Arthur Lake
Monday July 27	THE LADY HAS PLANS	U	Ray Milland, Paulette Goddard, Roland Young
for 3 days	Mexican Spitfire at Sea	U	Leon Errol, Lupe Velez
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THREE COMMENDATIONS

Two police officers and a woman shelter warden were commended by the magistrates during the hearing of cases at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

They were D/C L. Oram and P/C Paddon, of the Borough Police Force, and Mrs. McDonald, senior shelter warden.

WINKLES AND BAIT

COURT SEQUEL TO VISIT TO BEACH

Two men who visited the western beach at Ramsgate—one to dig bait and the other to collect winkles—were summoned before the borough bench on Monday.

William Frederick Martin, aged 53, unemployed, of Victory-cottage, Chapel Place-lane, and Albert Gregory, aged 26, a miner, of Albert-street, were summoned under the Defence Regulations for entering a part of the beach which had not been approved by the Regional Commissioner for use by the public, on 10th June.

R/S Smith said he saw the two men on the rocks about 5.30 p.m. He asked them what they were doing there and Gregory replied "I was only collecting bait." Martin said "I was doing the same." Earlier in the day he had reminded Gregory that he must not go on the beach.

Martin said he was collecting winkles. The sergeant told him to throw them back and he did so.

Mrs. Gregory, wife of the other defendant, said a special constable told her husband that he could go 50 yards on to the beach to collect bait.

Sgt. Smith said that on 8th June Gregory was reported for going on the beach.

Martin said he was misled because he saw several people on the beach collecting winkles and Martin told him they could go there so long as they did not go more than 50 yards from the shore. He had only recently returned to Ramsgate.

C/I Butcher said people did not seem to realise the danger to themselves of visiting the beach.

Gregory was fined 10s. and the case against Martin was dismissed on payment of its costs.

COLOURFUL BEGINNING

BRIGHTER BROADSTAIRS WEEK

After nearly three years of war the holiday spirit was evident once again in Broadstairs on Saturday, when Brighter Broadstairs Week was given a brilliant beginning.

Chief event of the day was the Royal Artillery sports at Stone House grounds. Flags fluttered gaily in the breeze and the events were run off to the strains of music played by the regimental band from Woolwich.

The company included the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), the Vicar of Ramsgate (Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), the Rector of Broadstairs (Rev. C. H. Bailey) and Mr. E. F. Owen, Clerk to Broadstairs Council.

Throughout there was a touch of humour to the proceedings and as Col. J. D. Way finished first in the handicap race (handicaps according to age) for officers, the band played "Old Soldiers Never Die."

The awards were presented by Mrs. Way.

The results were as follows:

Long jump—1, Bdr. Roache; 2, Sgt. Barker; 3, Sgt. Procter.

Throwing the cricket ball—1, Gnr. Stephenson; 2, L/Bdr. Williams; 3, Gnr. Marks.

440 yards—1, Gnr. Lambert; 2, L/Bdr. Mann; 3, Sgt. Barker.

Obstacle race—1, Gnr. Burnip; 2, Gnr. Wallace.

100 yards—1, Gnr. Handfield; 2, Gnr. Clarke; 3, Gnr. Davidson.

High jump—1, Gnr. O'Mand; 2, Sgt. Clayton.

One mile—1, Bdr. Roache; 2, Gnr. Weldrake; 3, L/Bdr. Davies.

Three mile road race—1, Gnr. Blenkinsop.

Alarm race—1, L/Sgt. Parfitt.

Open 100 yards—1, L/Bdr. Nock.

Officers' 110 yards handicap—1, Col. J. D. Way.

Open obstacle race—1, L/Bdr. Spencer; 2, Gnr. Neill.

Women's 80 yards race—1, Mrs. Haynes; 2, Miss Trask.

Women's egg and spoon race—1, Miss Alexander; 2, Mrs. Kemp.

A competition was won by Miss M. Gurr.

During the evening the dance section of the Royal Artillery band supplied music for dancing at Bohemia.

At the Memorial recreation ground during the afternoon, winners of a triples bowls competition were Mr. H. S. Price, Mr. F. Broadbent and Mr. P. J. Jeffery.

Cricket at St. Peter's.

At a cricket match held at St. Peter's recreation ground on Sunday afternoon, Broadstairs easily defeated the staff of the Urban District Council. Batting first, the Council scored 44 runs, Mr. E. F. Owen being the only one to reach double figures. In reply, Broadstairs knocked up 89 runs for the loss of three wickets, Thomas playing a spectacular innings of 64.

Scores:

Council Staff

B. J. Pearson, b Fryer	8
W. Nicholson, b Ford	2
G. V. Stiggers, b Knowles	5
C. C. Wallace, b Mitchell	4
L. C. Beak, b Knowles	0
E. F. Owen, not out	16
T. Saunders, b Mitchell	3
A. Cuthbert, b Mitchell	0
F. Ward, b Fryer	0
P. Payn, b Woodward	1
D. Hills, b Jones	3
Extras	3
Total	44

Bowling: Ford, 1 for 10; Fryer, 2 for 12; Knowles, 2 for 8; Mitchell, 3 for 5; Woodward, 1 for 4; Jones, 1 for 0.

Broadstairs

Thomas, not out	64
Solley, lbw b Wallace	0
Mitchell, b Stiggers	15
Smith, b Beak	6
Extras	14
Total (for 3 wkts.)	99

In the afternoon the band of The Buffs, under Mr. W. B. Foster, A.R.C.M., gave a performance at Pierremont Park.

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LOOTERS SENTENCED

THREE YEARS EOR RAMSGATE MAN

THANET CASES AT ASSIZES

No fewer than 15 cases of "looting" from premises in areas which have been subjected to attack by the enemy were included in a heavy calendar at the Kent Summer Assizes which opened at Maidstone on Monday before Mr. Justice Humphreys.

Several of the cases came from Thanet and in one case the judge said that to indicate how serious he considered this class of offence he told a prisoner sentenced to three years penal servitude that if he had dealt with the case on the footing of housebreaking the sentence would have been 18 months.

Henry Frost, 26, and Frederick Bodley, 17, both of West Dumpton-lane, Ramsgate, pleaded guilty to breaking into and looting from three houses at Broadstairs during the night and stealing various articles. Frost admitted 53 other cases and Bodley 36, which they asked to be taken into consideration.

"That Scoundrel Frost."

Frost, who had been to prison on seven previous occasions, was sentenced to three years penal servitude. Bodley, whom the judge said had been led away by "that scoundrel Frost," was bound over for two years under a probation officer in another part of the county, who undertook to find him employment and lodgings.

Mrs. Eugenie Rosalie Stephens, 46, pleaded guilty to a case of looting from the house of Rosa Davey at Broadstairs, and stealing household goods value £22.

Pte. P. B. Gush, 26, R.A.M.C., her son, also pleaded guilty and admitted another similar case.

They were arrested when the woman went to collect two suitcases at the railway station.

Stephens, who, it was stated, came home from Australia in 1939 to nurse a sick relative, was sentenced to 12 months and Gush to 18 months hard labour.

Three soldiers, George R. Jones, 27, Stanley Cane, 28, and Alexander Miller, pleaded guilty to looting from the house of Mildred Taylor at Minster, and stealing ladies' clothes and other articles.

Jones, who admitted six other cases, was sentenced to three and a half years penal servitude, and the other two, who admitted four other cases, each received three years penal servitude.

They were arrested after the police had intercepted a parcel sent by Jones to his wife in London.

BLOODSTAIN CLUE

SOLDIER'S THEFT FROM STORE

Bloodstains on the window of a store which had been broken into provided a clue which led to the appearance at Ramsgate police court on Monday of Pte. Edward Charles Martin, aged 20 years.

Martin was summoned for stealing seven lengths of leather strip and halter strap, value £2 2s. 6d., the property of Ernest George Barrows, a member of Margate Town Council, on 12th June.

P/C Paddon said that during the morning of 13th June he went to a store at Manston and found two panes of glass in the window had been broken. There was a quantity of blood about, suggesting that the person who had broken in had cut himself considerably. In company with D/C Oram he interviewed defendant. Both defendant's hands were heavily bandaged. He produced some strips of leather similar to those alleged to have been stolen from the store. Defendant made a statement and witness thought his action was probably due to the amount of drink he had the previous night.

In the statement defendant said that at 6.30 p.m. on 12th June he left his billet and went to a public-house, where he stayed for the evening. He had a fair amount to drink and he had a feeling he had had more than sufficient. He left the public-house about 9.30 p.m. but did not remember breaking the windows of the hut used as a saddler's shop or taking any lengths of leather. The first time he knew he had the leather was when someone woke him up, at 3.45 the next morning and he found it beside his bed. He put it with his kit and intended to return it. He had no idea what made him do it except that he had had too much to drink. He had no possible use for the leather.

C/I Butcher said defendant, who was a native of Borden, Kent, was employed at various hotels as a cook before joining the Army in January, 1941. He was employed as a storekeeper in his battalion. Since he had left the morning received a letter from Councillor Barrows, of Birchington, stating that he did not wish to press the charge and hoped the magistrates would deal with defendant in a lenient manner.

An officer stated that defendant was his batman as well as storeman. He had never previously had occasion to have complaint against defendant. He was an excellent soldier but he had had some family worry. He was a married man and his wife was expecting a child, was a few hundred miles away.

C/I Butcher said defendant was traced through the cuts on his hands.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): We congratulate the officers on their ability in tracing him.

Announcing that defendant would be fined 10s., the Chairman said they were regarding it as a lapse due to excessive drinking.

Ex-MAYOR AND Ex-MAYORESS

MARGATE WEDDING

An ex-Mayor and an ex-Mayoress were married quietly at Hawley-square Methodist Church, Margate, on Saturday.

They were Alderman William Robert Noble, of Percy-avenue, Kingsgate, an ex-Mayor of Margate, and Mrs. M. B. Fasham, of Princes-gardens, Margate, widow of the late Alderman E. T. Fasham, a former Mayor of the borough.

The Superintendent Methodist Minister (Rev. E. T. Sharpley) officiated and among those present was the Mayoress (Mrs. G. P. Hoare).

THEFT IN TUNNEL

WOMAN WARDEN THANKED

Police and magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday expressed their appreciation of the action of a woman shelter warden who was responsible for the appearance in court of Caroline Smith, aged 59, spinster, of Magdala-road, St. Peter's, charged with stealing a rug, value £1 5s., the property of Lilian Florence Seddon, on 5th June.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

D/S Fortescue said that on 5th June he saw defendant at the police station. He told her a complaint had been received that she had stolen a rug from a bunk in the Queen-street tunnel shelter. Defendant said "Yes, I am sorry. I took it because someone took mine two days ago."

Defendant told the magistrates she took the rug on the impulse of the moment. She took it because her own was taken.

C/I Butcher said nothing was known against defendant. A senior lady warden, Mrs. McDonald, kept defendant under observation for some considerable time and handed her over to the police. The police were indebted to Mrs. McDonald.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): We thank Mrs. McDonald for keeping a look-out and bringing defendant before the court.

When the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) asked if there was any conversation between defendant and Mrs. McDonald, C/I Butcher said he would ask her to tell the magistrates what happened.

A Stranger.

Mrs. McDonald said that on the evening of 5th June she was in the tunnel near the Queen-street entrance talking to another warden when defendant asked her if her blanket had been found. Defendant said she had left the blanket on a chair but seemed rather vague as to where the chair had been. Witness said she had not heard of a blanket being found and advised defendant to go and see one of the men wardens. Defendant did not seem to want to do this and walked off in the direction of the hospital entrance.

Continuing, Mrs. McDonald said that as defendant was a stranger and did not have a bunk in that area, she followed her. Defendant went to two or three bunks and rummaged with the bedclothes but as they were tied up she could not take anything. Defendant then lifted a blanket off a bed and put it under her coat. Witness said to defendant "That does not belong to you," and defendant said it did. Defendant continued to hold the blanket under her coat and would not put it down. She walked out of the tunnel with it and witness followed her, hoping to meet a police officer. Witness followed defendant down Queen-street, up Corn-hill and Adelaide-gardens and along the front down to Military-road before meeting a policeman, whom she asked to speak to defendant.

Defendant said she visited the bunks to see if she could find her own blanket. She had never before been in the tunnel.

The Chairman, announcing that defendant would be fined 10s., said it was essential that the property of people using the tunnels should be protected. It was a deliberate theft and whether or not defendant had lost a blanket was problematical.

MISS C. SPRATLING

DEATH OF TENNIS CLUB SECRETARY

Her many friends in Ramsgate will learn with regret of the death at Pembury Hospital on Friday of Miss Clarice Spratling, daughter of Mrs. Spratling and the late Mr. A. L. Spratling, of 2, Elmstone-road, Ramsgate.

At Whitsun Miss Spratling went to Staplehurst to visit her mother, who is temporarily living there, and although she had not been well since then, the news of her death came as a great shock.

Miss Spratling, who was 51 years of age, was formerly associated with the nursing profession and during the last war served in Boulogne and other parts of France.

Following the war Miss Spratling was closely associated with the Y.M.C.A. centre at Kinnaird House and was a popular member of the Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club. The club subsequently became the West Cliff Tennis Club and for about 12 years Miss Spratling was joint honorary secretary.

The funeral takes place to-day at Ramsgate Cemetery.

ARGUED ABOUT LIGHT

WHEN ENEMY WERE OVERHEAD

BROADSTAIRS LICENSEE FINED

An argument about a light when enemy aircraft were overhead and guns were firing was described to the magistrates at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

George Meech, licensee of the Neptune Hall Hotel, Harbour-street, Broadstairs, was summoned for permitting a light to shine from his premises during the black-out.

Frank Hollands, of Albion-street, Broadstairs, an air raid warden, said he got up when an alert sounded just after midnight, and while dressing saw a light shining from the rear of the Neptune Hall. When he went outside he found it was coming from a second floor window.

Defendant came to the door when he rang the bell and when told of the light said "——the light. I'm going to bed." He then slammed the door and when witness went to the back of the premises he found the light had been extinguished. It had been shining through orange-coloured curtains.

Witness informed his senior warden, and about half an hour later went to the rear of the Neptune Hall again. Light was then shining from the sides of two other windows on the second floor. Defendant came out and after an argument with the senior warden he went indoors and the lights were switched off.

Stanley James Sherred, of Albion-street, Broadstairs, a member of the rescue party, said he heard some swearing and arguing, and then the landlord of the Neptune Hall said "——the light." Later, when guns were firing and aircraft were overhead, he saw two lights shining from a rear window and called the wardens. Defendant came out and said "Where are these——lights?" He flashed a torch about and then went inside.

P/C Turner said he interviewed defendant the next morning and told him a complaint had been received of lights from his premises during the night. He replied "I didn't realise that the light was shining through the red curtains. It was due to the window being open a few inches at the top. I had omitted to close the window when blacking out." Witness was not aware then that lights had been showing on two occasions.

In a letter to the court defendant repeated the explanation he gave to the constable, adding that by reason of the window being open a few inches there was a streak of light.

The Chairman (Councillor S. W. Pearce) said the bench took a serious view of the case. Defendant would be fined £2 and 1s. 6d. witness' expenses.

THE YANKS ARE COMING

INCREASING BOMBER FORCE

The Prime Minister's recent promise that raids on Germany will "increase markedly in scale" when we are joined by "as we soon shall be"—by the Air Forces of the United States, and Sir Archibald Sinclair's more recent statement that plans are being made for the operation of powerful American air forces from this country, are reminders of the strides made within the past 12 months in the R.A.F's own knowledge of American aircraft.

It is just about a year ago that Technical Training Command of the R.A.F. began, in a very small way, its first school designed for instruction in American aeroplanes, in particular, their engines, navigating systems and hydraulic gear. American experts came over to give lectures on the Bostons and other well-known types of U.S. aircraft. Small numbers of N.C.O. mechanics were drawn from R.A.F. operational stations to attend the first courses of instruction.

At first, the work was far from easy, as there are many points of difference between American aircraft and our own. The N.C.Os took back their knowledge to their own stations where they passed it on to aircraftmen.

Then, as the flow of American aircraft became greater, so the school expanded. Now it is a big, flourishing concern. To it come airmen from all parts of the country, from civilian and service instructors who have been specially trained in American aircraft, to get to know about, say, the Cyclone engine or the landing gear of the Boston.

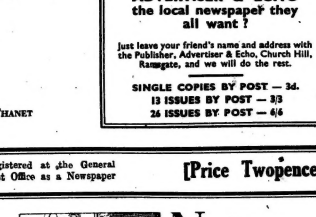
The experiment has been a great success. The airmen strip the engines, reassemble them, learn the special features of the American carburation system, carry out cockpit drill and run up various engines.

When they leave the school they have a wide knowledge of American aircraft, and are qualified to carry out any work on American aircraft which may come their way.

BUFFS CASUALTIES

The War Office announce that Ptes. J. A. Lungley and A. G. Stringer, The Buffs, have been killed in action.

Buffs prisoners of war include Ptes. S. T. Flowers, T. Mansfield and W. J. Turrell.



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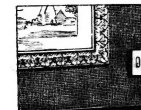

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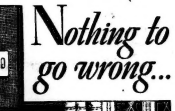

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MID-BATTLE STANDARD

THE ARMY IN TRAINING

Black-faced warriors in gym shoes and woollen caps, spitting out bits of black enamel flaking off their teeth, have stolen some of the thunder from romantic knights-errant of old. Feats of arms with mace and lance give pride of place to rubber-tomahawked derring-do. But when knights have charged and trumpets have finished fanfare, history records that the hardest fighting remained to be done by bowmen and yeomen at arms waiting in the rear.

As in all wars, so in this, certain types of fighting men attract public attention, and hero worship follows.

They also serve who only stand and wait ! is a truism for those whose job so far has been to wait, and watch.

Infantry has always been the spine and substance of the Army. Famous regiments of the Line, most of them with more than 200 years of fine tradition built in battle, are still producing that steady, resolute, disciplined fighter known throughout the world as the British Infantryman.

More Work Than Play.

Week in and year out, he trains for his job in the regimental battle school, passing daily routine only for brigade manœuvres or tactical exercises and rare periods of leave.

A great deal has been written about the modern soldier's time off. Publicity is given to comfort, canteens, entertainment, sport and leave. But not so much is known of the hard work done at all other times, and the notion is general that soldiers do little except sit about and eat plentiful rations.

The infantryman's day, on the contrary, is full, varied and sprightly with action.

Up at 6 o'clock every morning, he washes, shaves, attends roll call at 6.30, showing articles of equipment for inspection. Breakfasting at 7, he turns up again at 8, having cleaned his barrack-room, packed his kit and prepared himself for parade. He works until one half-hour break, until 12.30 mostly at weapon training—for example, bayonet drill, light machine-gun drill, grenade priming and throwing, or mortars—with a run round the assault course now and again to weld new things up and keep the blood moving.

Added Burdens.

At 1.45 he parades again, and works until 5.30 with a half-hour break for tea. Afternoon periods are generally chosen for lectures, training films, sand table tactical exercises, physical training and map-reading. Some days will be spent in scouting and field-craft. Two or three nights a week are given to night patrols and surprise attacks.

Regimental training throughout the Army is at mid-battle standard. An exacting degree of physical fitness is maintained. Lessons are learned, relearned and learned again, and are made perhaps harder by the two added burdens of watching and waiting. If the hero of the moment is envied, it is not for his glory but for his opportunity of action. The common or garden infantryman is ready, waiting for his chance to finish the job.

You must read the Friday "Thanet" to keep abreast of local affairs.

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BRITISH PRISONERS' ACTIVITIES

Glimpses of life in a prisoner-of-war camp are given by Pte. Clifford George, of The Buffs, in a letter to his mother, who lives at 153 Margate-road, Ramsgate.

Pte. George, who was captured in Libya in December, says that at his camp the prisoners have formed a dramatic society and some good talent has been discovered. So far they have produced Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" and "The Monkey's Paw."

Many of the prisoners spend their time in embroidery work and Pte. George sketches the necessary designs for them on canvas, but they are finding the wool difficult to obtain.

R.A. BAND AT RAMSGATE

The famous Royal Artillery band from Woolwich, which has broadcast many times, gave a performance at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Friday.

Although the band did not know they were to perform at Ramsgate until they arrived at Broadstairs the same afternoon, they gave a brilliant performance of classic and popular works, in which the string section, most ably led, particularly excelled.

One of the high spots of the programme was the cornet solo "Because."

The audience included the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), the Deputy Mayor (Alderman T. W. Mockridge) and members of the Council.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	11.6 p.m.	—4.58 a.m.
Wednesday	11.6 p.m.	—4.58 a.m.
Thursday	11.6 p.m.	—4.59 a.m.
Friday	11.6 p.m.	—4.59 a.m.
Saturday	11.6 p.m.	—5.0 a.m.
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AUTHORS invited submit MSS (especially Fiction and Poems) to London Publishers of 43 years standing; advice free.—Stockwell, Ltd., Elms-court, Ilfracombe (duration address). 28

SCHOOL SALVAGE COMPETITION

St. John's School, Margate, have for the second time won a waste paper salvage competition held among the various schools in the borough.

The school collected 1 ton 14 cwt. 20 lbs., an average of 34·48 lbs. per scholar.

Eight schools took part in the competition and the total of the collection was 5 tons. 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs.

MEDAL FOR MARGATE POSTMAN

A postman attached to Margate Post Office since 1913, Mr. Charles James Stockley, formerly of 48 Addiscombe-road, Margate, now living at Muswell Hill, has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal (Home Civil Service).

Mr. Stockley retired from the Post Office service a few weeks ago.

THEFT AFTER BLITZ

LENIENCY FOR BIRCHINGTON STOKER

A stoker in the employ of the Air Ministry for the past 22 years, Henry George Pritchard, of Lincoln-gardens, Birchington, was summoned at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday for stealing from an R.A.F. camp a blanket, a rug, four curtains and a glass cloth, value £2 15s. 4d., between January, 1940, and June, 1942.

Pritchard was further charged with looting from an area which had been subjected to enemy action.

Defendant was originally charged with stealing five blankets but on his statement that his first wife bought four of them in Ramsgate the charge was reduced.

Inspr. Hann, K.C.C., said that on 2nd May D/C Tinson and W/R/C Norman, of Margate Borough Police Force, went to a house in Lincoln-gardens, Birchington, where they found the missing articles in a shed in the back garden. Defendant said "Yes, I put them there. I got the blankets from a secondhand dealer in Ramsgate and put them in the shed as I had no further use for them." Later defendant admitted to P/S Wilkinson that he picked up some of the articles at the camp and took them home on his bicycle.

Defendant told the magistrates that four of the blankets found in the shed were bought by his first wife in Ramsgate. The other he picked up and brought home on his cycle. He found the rug in the snow and thinking it was no use took it home and dried and cleaned it. He had no authority to take the articles but the tenants of the premises where they were found had given him permission to use the shed.

Inspr. Hann said defendant was a man of good character. He served in the Royal Navy for 12 years and since 1920 had been employed by the Air Ministry as a stoker.

Announcing that defendant would be bound over for 12 months on the payment of 17s. 6d. costs, the Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) said it was a thousand pities that a man with such a good character should have marred it in such a way.

The magistrates asked Inspr. Hann to get into touch with defendant's employers and express on their behalf the hope that the proceedings that day would not prejudice his position.

Y.M.C.A. FLAG DAY

The Y.M.C.A. flag day, held in Ramsgate realised £48 12s. 2d.

The collection was organised by the Mayoress (Mrs. E. Kempe), who wishes to thank all those who contributed towards its success.

Mrs. Todd was again Collector Number One, her boxes containing £6 0s. 9d. The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) collected £3 10s. 3d.

Other collectors and the amounts collected by them were:

Mrs. Bickerton, £1 5s. 3d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £2 3s. 9d.; Mrs. Fiddyment, £1 10s. 5d.; Mr. Wing, £1 7s. 9d.; Miss Woods, 18s. 6d.; Mrs. Johncock, 5s. 9d.; Mrs. Baker, 17s. 11d.; Miss Martin, 15s. 9d.; Mrs. Baker, £2 3s. 10d.; Mr. Britton, £1 7s. 1d.; Mrs. Snapes, 19s. 10d.; Mrs. Shelton, £2 2s. 1d.; Mrs. Nicholls (St. Luke's-avenue), £3 9s.; Mrs. Ellistone, £1 5s. 5d.; Miss Mettam, 9s. 3d. Mrs. Neeves (Rawdon-road), £1 18s. 9d.; Miss Le Gallais, £2 4s. 6d.; Mrs. Lock, £1 10s. 2d.; Miss Howells, £1 9s. 10d.; Mrs. Halls, £3 16s. 7d.; Miss Baldridge, £1 12s. 1d.; Miss Young, £1 7s. 8d.; Mrs. Pook (Bush-avenue), £1 14s. 4d.; Miss Cockburn, £2 3s. 8d.

O.B.E. FOR ROTARIAN

A former president of Margate Rotary Club, Mr. W. E. Rice, of the firm of Messrs. Rice and Son, contractors, has been awarded the O.B.E.

Before the war Mr. Rice lived at Margate.

He is chairman of the Brixton Local Employment Committee, president of the London Master Builders' Association, and a member of the Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal, the Industrial Arbitration Panel of the Ministry of Labour and of the Eastern Command Army Welfare Council.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

THERE'S ALWAYS TO-MORROW

by ANN LIDDELL

At twenty-six, Matthew Dale looked ten years older. There was a hardness about his mouth and in his blue eyes. The left side of his face held a certain rugged attractiveness, but down the length of the right side, from brow to chin, ran a vicious-looking scar.

On this evening in late spring when summer was lurking round the corner, he stood at the bottom of the garden and looked back at the queerly constructed red brick cottage that was to be his home for the next six months. "The Hermitage"! He smiled wryly—the name had attracted him as fitting for the home of one who shunned the society of his fellow men.

The scent of wallflowers came to him on the evening breeze, and he relaxed.

Lord! It was peaceful! Maybe he could work again.

He leaned against the door in the high brick wall. If he had needed anything to persuade him finally to lease The Hermitage, it had been that wall enclosing the garden.

For a few moments he forgot. And then he heard footsteps and voices on the other side of the door.

A girl spoke. Her voice was soft and slightly husky.

Matthew was attracted by the voice against his will, and he listened as the girl continued.

"I saw the tenant arrive when I passed this morning, Theo."

Matthew stiffened.

"It was a man," went on the voice, "and he appeared to be quite alone."

The girl called Theo spoke excitedly.

"Wouldn't it be marvellous if he's a bachelor! What's he like? Young?"

"Not particularly young, as far as I could see." There was a laugh in the girl's voice. "Wait till you've seen him!"

Matthew's mouth trembled, and he removed his pipe. He held the bowl in his hand. It was hot enough to burn him, but he did not feel it. He tried to move away, but his limbs felt leaden.

"But why, Monica? What's wrong with him?"

"Well, he looked thoroughly morose, and it seemed as if he'd got some horrible disfigurement on one side of his face."

"He sounds frightful!"

"He was. And although I saw him first, I'm ready to relinquish any claim on him. He's all yours. I'll probably have nightmare anyway after seeing him to-day," she ended lightly.

Matthew had a mad desire to kill.

"How dared they!"

With cold rage in his heart he moved to open the door without the slightest knowledge as to what he intended to do afterwards. Then he remembered that the door was locked, and he had not got the key.

As in a dream he walked deliberately up the garden and through the gate into the road.

By the time he reached the door only one girl was there with the dog. She was bending down adjusting the dog's collar. She paused as he approached, and he could see the white blur of her face in the dusk as she straightened and spoke in her soft voice to the dog—the voice that he had thought attractive!

"Come, Larry!"

Obediently the Alsatian moved forward.

"Just a moment!" Matthew's voice was thick as he continued relentlessly: "I would suggest that next time you choose to make impudent and ill-bred remarks, it might be as well to be sure you are not overheard by your victim."

The girl caught her breath sharply.

"I—I don't know what you mean. I——"

"You needn't lie!" said Matthew curtly. "My hearing is perfectly normal, if my face is not!"

The girl's distress deepened.

"I tell you that you're mistaken."

Matthew looked at her bitterly. He could see her more plainly now. Her hair, disordered by the breeze, lay in little dark tendrils on her forehead, and her eyes looked enormous in her small face.

He had frightened her. The thought gave him a grim satisfaction. He moved nearer, and the Alsatian growled.

The girl spoke quietly.

"Please remain still, or Larry may harm you, and I shouldn't like that to happen. I've told you that you're mistaken."

"And I've told you that you're lying! I heard your voice! And I heard the dog barking. You can't even be honest!" He spat the words out contemptuously.

The girl did not speak for a few seconds and then she said slowly:

"I think I'm sorry for you."

Matthew's eyes blazed as he answered violently:

"Who asked for your sympathy! And in case your sudden remorse is due to some maudlin sentiment, I'd like to tell you that I was not injured serving my country. I merely crashed in a car! I'd been to a farewell dinner! That may make you realise that your sympathy's wasted!"

"Please—oh—please, don't say any more. You'll only regret it! Please—please go!"

Regretted Outburst.

Without another word Matthew turned from her abruptly. He sat motionless in the darkness for a few minutes and then, burying his face in his hands, he said in a quivering voice:

"God! I must have been crazy!"

For days afterwards Matthew had periods when he felt physically sick with shame as he thought of the encounter. After all, what did it matter? He should have laughed at it—ignored it as idle chatter between two empty-headed young girls.

And then, as the weeks passed, gradually the affair sank into the background of his mind, and in the peace of the garden he found that he could work. If things went on like this, he told himself cheerfully, his book would be ready by the autumn.

Now, it was early August, and he sat beneath the shade of the William pear tree listening to the pleasant hum of the mowing machine in the expert hands of old Tom, the village jobbing gardener.

When the machine brought him to the spot where Matthew sat, Tom, ready for a break in his labours, prepared for a chat.

"'Twere a bad accident at they cross roads t'other day, weren't it, sir?"

"What was that?" asked Matthew, putting down his pen, knowing that Tom would have his say whether he stopped writing or not.

"Ye 'aven't 'eard?" said Tom in surprise. "Aye, 'twere a real bad 'un an' no mistake. 'Twere Doctor Gray's car. 'E'd lent it ter Miss Jane."

"And who's Miss Jane?"

"She be the doctor's eldest. Not that she be more'n a bit o' a thing. Anyway, the doctor 'e lent 'er 'is car. But she weren't a drivin' it, an' she oughter 'a bin. Miss Monica she were a drivin'. A regular wild 'un she be."

Monica. The name struck an unpleasant chord in Matthew's brain.

"Miss—Monica I take it, is Miss Jane's sister?"

"Aye 'tis so. An' ye see Miss Monica she takes they cross-roads too fast, an' 'tweren't 'er right o' way, an' she goes straight inter Farmer Turner's milk lorry. An' the queer thing were that Miss Monica were 'ardly 'urt at all. But Miss Jane she gets throwed out o' the car, an' now she be in the 'orspital, an' it seems ter be purty serious." Tom shook his head. "Poor li'l Miss Jane—'tweren't 'er fault. An' that there Miss Monica wi' 'er gold 'air an' impitent face gets off wi'out 'ardly a scratch!"

Golden hair! thought Matthew. Then it wasn't the same girl. The one he'd spoken to, he blushed at the memory, was dark; he remembered distinctly.

"Has this—er—Miss Monica got a dog called Larry?"

"That 'ud be Miss Jane's dog."

Matthew's thoughts were chaotic. It couldn't be that he'd——

"Can you remember, Tom," he said with an effort, "if—if their voices are alike?"

Tom scratched his head thoughtfully.

"Now, let me see. Miss Jane's got a purty voice—sort o' soft an' 'usky. Aye, an' ye might say Miss Monica 'as too. A bit quicker soundin' like, but var' like Miss Jane's if ye knows what I means."

Matthew's throat seemed to swell and his mouth was dry.

What had he done? What had he done? He'd been so sure that the voice was the same!

It was with an infinite relief that Matthew learned from Tom a few days later that Miss Jane had turned the corner.

He waited impatiently for her to leave the hospital, but on the day he learned that she had been sent home convalescent, he felt an overwhelming misery at the thought of the ordeal before him.

Should he telephone, or write, or just call?

In the end he wrote to Jane asking if he might call on her.

Invitation.

He received a friendly little note in reply.

At four o'clock the next day he walked up to the grey stone house where Jane lived, and rang the bell.

"Miss Jane's expecting you, sir. She's in the garden."

Jane was alone. She was lying on a couch in the shade.

She held out her hand with a smile, and there was no trace of embarrassment on her face.

"How nice of you to come, Mr. Dale. Please sit down. You will have to excuse me, but I'm not allowed to rise. Doctor's orders!" Her voice ran on gaily to put him at his ease. "And when one's doctor is also one's father, it doesn't do to disobey orders."

Matthew moistened his lips.

"I—I'm glad that you're better, Miss Gray," he said jerkily. And then, with a sudden desperate rush of words: "Miss Gray! I—I don't know what to say to you!"

"Well, why say anything," said Jane. "Let's pretend that we're meeting for the first time, shall we?"

"No! No! I must speak!" replied Matthew brusquely. "I know now that it wasn't you—that night. It was your sister. Her voice—and yours—they're so alike. I——"

"Mr. Dale, you mustn't take any notice of Monica. She doesn't mean half she says! She's very young and thoughtless."

"What she said doesn't matter in the least!" said Matthew impatiently. "It's my behaviour. I must have been mad. I don't know what you must think of me, or what your family must think!"

"My family don't know anything about it," replied Janet quietly.

Matthew looked dazed.

"You—you didn't tell them?" he said incredulously.

"No. I didn't tell anyone. I knew that you flew at me so savagely only because you were terribly hurt. You see, I know what it's like to feel desperate—when you want to lash out blindly and hit anyone within reach. I felt like that six years ago when I was seventeen."

"Go on," said Matthew harshly.

Jane drew a quivering breath and continued.

"My horse bolted when I was riding across the downs. I was thrown. Afterwards there was no more riding—no anything. My leg never got well again."

Matthew's face was grey.

"I only needed this," he said tonelessly, "to make me feel a really first-class sort of swine!"

"Please, Mr. Dale! Don't. I didn't want to use my lameness to hurt you, that was why I asked you to—to leave me that night. I—didn't want to walk in front of you. I—I limp rather badly you see."

Matthew looked into her earnest face. He felt a sudden urge to fall at her feet—to humble himself before her.

"Is it possible," he said slowly, "that there are people in the world like you? It was true, you know, what your sister said about my being a morose-looking, ugly brute."

Jane looked distressed.

"Monica said that!"

"Well, words to that effect." And then Matthew smiled. "It doesn't matter anyway—now!"

When Jane saw that smile she said quickly:

"But it's not true! It's not true! You're not like that at all!"

"You don't have to say things like that," he said gently.

"But I meant it! After all, it's only a scar."

"Only!" Matthew laughed mirthlessly. "Most people find it an unpleasant sight to say the least of it!"

He looked at her sharply. "Don't you?"

Jane's eyes met his steadily.

"No," she said simply. "I don't."

"I believe," said Matthew with a pounding at his heart, "that you mean it!" Then, somehow, he was telling Jane of that day, three years before, when he left the hospital with the one desire to hide himself. And he told her about his work, and about the book that he had almost finished in the peace of the garden. It was so long since he had found someone to talk to.

"Shall I tell you something," said Jane shyly, when he came to a stop.

"Please!"

"While you were talking of your work, I didn't even notice your scar. D'you know why I didn't notice it?"

Matthew shook his head dumbly.

"I didn't notice it because your face was alight—happy. It would help an awful lot, Mr. Dale. Being happy, I mean."

A fire leapt into Matthew's eyes. He did not know how to answer her, so that what he finally managed to say was:

"It there anything—anything at all that I can do for you, Miss Gray? The way you've taken things—I feel so grateful!"

"I don't want you to feel that way." The flush stole once more into her face. "But if you'd like to do it, there is something——"

"Anything," replied Matthew eagerly.

"Well, you see, it—it gets rather lonely being so many hours by oneself. And if you'd come sometimes to see me. And perhaps you'd let me read your book."

Matthew's face was white and still as he said:

"You mean it?"

She held out her hand, and he took it swiftly within his own.

In that moment something passed between them—a sudden awareness of each other.

Matthew was young again and almost painfully conscious of Jane's youth and gentle loveliness.

His voice was not quite steady as he said:

"When may I come again? Please make it soon!"

"To-morrow?" asked Jane, with a trembling smile.

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

WIFE STILL HOPES

MINSTER AIRMAN MISSING

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hood, of Monkton Court-cottages, Monkton, Sgt.-Wireless-Operator Norman Henry Hood, R.A.F., has been reported missing, believed killed.

His wife, who lives at 3 Sheriffs Court-lane, Minster, has every hope that her husband is alive for she has received a letter saying that one of the crew of the aircraft of which her husband was a member is a prisoner of war.

Sgt. Hood, who is 22 years of age, was employed at Monkton Court Farm before joining the R.A.F. three years ago.

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POST OFFICE FORGERY

Margate Mother Sent to Prison

Sentence of three months imprisonment was passed by Margate magistrates on Wednesday on the mother of three children who was alleged to have drawn nearly £100 by means of forged withdrawal forms from the Post Office account of a woman lodger.

Defendant was Mrs. Elsie Margaret Roberts, of Arthur-road, Margate, and she was charged on two counts with obtaining from the Postmaster General, by means of a forged Post Office Savings Bank withdrawal form, purported to be signed by Sarah Wilson, £3 on 30th January and £3 on 4th February, with intent to defraud.

Prosecuting on behalf of the Post Office, Mr. Malcolm Borg said sometime during 1941 Mrs. Sarah Wilson, aged about 88, lost her husband and took apartments at defendant's house. On 23rd January this year she was taken ill and the next day was removed to the General Hospital. Subsequently she was transferred to an institution at Faversham, where she died on 8th February.

Mrs. Wilson had a Post Office Savings Bank account and at the time of the offence had £190 to her credit. On 30th January defendant, who had possession of the bank book, went to the Cliftonville Post Office, signed a withdrawal form in the name of Sarah Wilson, and drew £3. On 4th February she drew another £3. She continued to make withdrawals, and up to 30th March obtained £96.

Gift Alleged.

The Postmaster General, however, decided to take proceedings only in respect of the two withdrawals which took place prior to the woman's death. After Mrs. Wilson died, the next of kin communicated with the Post Office and inquiries were made by D/S Wool. He interviewed defendant, who admitted making the withdrawals and made a statement to the effect that before going to hospital Mrs. Wilson gave her the bank book in a sealed envelope, saying it was for her (defendant) and her baby.

Although the withdrawal forms were signed in the name of Sarah Wilson, said Mr. Borg, the handwriting was nothing like that of Mrs. Wilson. If defendant thought she was entitled to the money she was not entitled to withdraw it by means of a form signed in Mrs. Wilson's name. She should have made inquiries at the Post Office.

Defendant told the magistrates that at the time she did not think she was doing wrong. She nursed Mr. Wilson before he died and bought Mrs. Wilson's mourning clothes. She drew the money out to buy things Mrs. Wilson would need in her rooms when she left hospital, it being her intention to return to the house. Mrs. Wilson told her she was very fond of her and she (defendant) did everything for her. Mrs. Wilson's furniture was still at her house for anyone who wanted to take it over. She had written to Mrs. Wilson's son in America but had not received any reply.

Bank Book Destroyed.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan) pointed out that defendant's explanation of why she withdrew the money did not apply to the money she drew after Mrs. Wilson's death.

Defendant: No, but naturally I would not go to a post office where I was well known if I felt guilty. I did not think there was anything wrong in writing her name in my usual handwriting.

Mr. Borg said when the police officer called on defendant and asked for the bank book she said she had destroyed it that morning.

Asked by the Magistrates' Clerk why she destroyed it, defendant replied "I saw a friend who said I was not entitled to the money unless Mrs. Wilson had made a will of some description. I immediately wrote to her son telling him about it.

Mr. Borg mentioned that on 11th June, after the issue of the summonses, defendant sent £6 in notes to Margate Post Office.

After examining the withdrawal forms which defendant signed, the Magistrates' Clerk remarked that the signature of the first one was rather different from the others.

Defendant: I think that is due to the pens in the Post Office.

The Magistrates' Clerk: You knew you were drawing money which did not belong to you.

Defendant: No. Not then I didn't. I thought everything was quite all right.

Do you still maintain your story that Mrs. Wilson gave you the book and the money in it?—Yes.

Defendant added that she made Mrs. Wilson have her meals with her because she was not looking after herself properly. She said she was willing to try to pay back the money she had withdrawn.

In reply to further questions, defendant said she was married, but did not know where her husband was as he had changed his address. She had three children, aged 11, six and one year.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said defendant was a local woman. She had recently obtained a divorce, the court exercising discretion in her favour.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) announced that defendant would be sent to prison for three months on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

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"IN AND OUT"

COSTLY RAIDS ON COAST

Bomb-carrying Messerschmidts which make sudden "in and out" raids on the coast towns of southern England, more particularly those of Sussex and Kent, are finding that their tactics are becoming costly.

During the past few weeks at least seven of the enemy aircraft engaged in these raids have been shot down round our coasts.

Seldom are more than half a dozen M.E. 109s engaged in these attacks, which are presumably in reply to Fighter Command's large-scale sweeps over northern France, in which more than 400 British aircraft frequently operate in one day.

The enemy's raids are often made soon after dawn and the German pilots generally fly across the Channel at wave-top height, hoping to escape detection, drop their bombs, and then make off for home as quickly as they can.

To intercept a raider flying at over 350 miles an hour only a few feet above the water is a difficult job but our fighters have begun to take toll of the enemy. One day last month a single Hurricane pilot shot down two in southern England. On another occasion two Free French pilots intercepted a formation of 12 M.Es. (an unusually large attacking force for the Germans) which were headed towards Worthing, shot one of them down, and chased the rest back across the Channel.

Of two M.E. 109s which flew in over Beachy Head and Newhaven one morning one was shot down by anti-aircraft gunners and the other forced landed after being hit by machine-gunfire from motor launches. Anti-aircraft gunners claimed another M.E. 109 in Torbay, while Spitfires caught another off Selsey Bill before it had time to drop its bombs, and the German pilot was forced to bale out over the Isle of Wight.

In addition to the M.E.109s, six long-range bombers were shot down over and around our coasts by fighters in daylight last month.

THANET A.T.C. CHAIRMAN

At a recent meeting the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare) was re-elected chairman of the Thanet Squadron Committee of the Air Training Corps.

The re-election of Alderman Hoare was proposed by Councillor B. J. Pearson, of Broadstairs, and seconded by Councillor F. C. Miller, of Ramsgate.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Relatives are invited to notify The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, of particulars concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

COLLAPSED IN OFFICE

GARRISON ENGINEER'S DEATH

A civil garrison engineer engaged on Government work in the Thanet area, Mr. Frederick George Drake, aged 53, of 2 Meadow-road, Margate, died a few minutes after admission to Ramsgate General Hospital last week.

While engaged at his office Mr. Drake complained of feeling unwell and was removed immediately to Ramsgate Hospital.

Mr. Drake was born in India, his father being in the Indian Army. In 1906 he joined the 10th Hussars, then stationed in India. He entered an engineering college at Roorkee five years later and was subsequently posted to the military engineering service of the Indian Army. He served at Iraq, Persia and on the North-West Frontier of India during the last war.

Following a severe illness, Mr. Drake was brought to England early in 1939 and after leaving the military hospital at Millbank, London, went to live at Le Coin, Meadow-road, Margate, which he had taken while on leave in England in 1935. Mr. Drake endeavoured to join the Army again last year but was rejected on medical grounds.

He leaves a widow, a son, who is a corporal in the R.A.F., and two daughters.

As death was due to natural causes Ramsgate Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The funeral, with full military honours, took place at Margate Cemetery on Friday.

HOW RAMSGATE IS SAVING

No. 2

The Ramsgate Borough Police savings group has been in existence for just over a year, with Inspr. N. A. B. Bartlett as its secretary, and a membership of 40, drawn mainly from the War Reserve, who have been the mainstay of the group since its inception.

From the beginning of May, 1941, to the end of May this year, the group saved £1,658 5s. Of this, only £246 12s. was saved in the first six months, so savings were more than quadrupled in the second half of the year, no mean achievement. Members buy their stamps and certificates from Inspr. Bartlett every Friday, and another proof of increase is the fact that whereas at the beginning the average weekly sales were only £3, now they are £12.

The group is proud, too, of its Warship Week effort, when it set itself a target of £100 and raised over £364.

Altogether the group has a record of which it need by no means be ashamed, but as is ever the case with savings, there is always room for improvement, and the secretary will not object to the extra work if his weekly takings show a comparable increase this year.

All groups in the town will soon be selecting their targets for the summer campaign—and trying to beat their own targets. A list is being issued to every group and they will be able to select targets ranging from a bomber propellor costing £350 down to an incendiary bomb at £1. There is plenty of choice in between. They can clothe a soldier for £7 or an A.T.S. girl for £1 less, buy a cooker which will cook for a whole company for £36 or an X-ray unit for £160. You take your choice—and then pay your money.

"BLACK HOLE OF CALCUTTA"

FIRE-WATCH QUARTERS PROTEST

Margate Architect Fined

Fire watching accommodation at a bombed Margate cinema, described by a solicitor as resembling the Black Hole of Calcutta, was described to Margate magistrates on Wednesday.

Percy Levett, architect, of Price's-avenue, Margate, appeared before the court, summoned for failing to comply with directions defining his fire prevention duties by not remaining at the Astoria Cinema post to which he reported on 20th May for the prescribed period from 10 p.m. until 8 a.m., contrary to the Civil Defence (Compulsory Enrolment) Order.

After the magistrates had adjourned the proceedings to inspect the premises, the Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) said they were not altogether what might be desired, but there was no justification for defendant taking the law into his own hands, and he would be fined £1.

Defendant was represented by Mr. E. C. Allfree.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove), who prosecuted, said defendant began his duties at the Astoria post in October, 1941. On 20th May he signed on for duty at 10 p.m. and left 55 minutes later, instead of at 8 a.m. the following morning. Defendant's excuse was that the accommodation was not satisfactory.

On 16th May defendant wrote to the Ministry of Home Security when he stated that the premises were badly damaged by a bomb some time ago and the four watchers had one room, heated by a portable gas stove without a flue, and lighted by a gas burner. Owing to the atmosphere of the room he always got a splitting headache and the morning after fire watching it was not always possible for him to carry out his duties as surveyor for the War Damage Commission.

Regional Officer's Visit.

In the letter defendant also stated that the equipment consisted of two steel helmets for four men, two camp beds, one of which was broken, two blankets, two old eiderdowns and one bolster. He also stated that there was no water connection to the water closets and that although he had complained to the group secretary and the Fire Guard Staff Officer they would not do anything about it.

Following receipt of the letter, said the Town Clerk, the principal regional officer for fire prevention duties examined the premises and made a report that he was fully satisfied with the accommodation, which was above the standard for the county. Up to 19th June defendant should have fire watched 23 times. Fifteen duties were fully carried out, four times he was one and a quarter hours short, on another occasion four hours short. Three times there was no attendance at all.

The room which defendant complained of was the annexe to the women's lavatories, which was 11ft. 6ins. by 9ft. 6ins. There was nothing to prevent the watchers from using any part of the premises. The manager's office, a carpeted room, could have been used for sleeping, and was in fact now being used for that purpose by the watchers. In addition there was a room containing men's lavatories which would make an excellent sleeping room, being perfectly clean and not used. The accommodation was better than was provided for some fire watchers in the borough and had been specifically approved by the local authority as reasonably adequate.

"Wilful Defiance."

Mr. Grove said the authority regarded defendant's action as wilful defiance. Since 20th May defendant had carried out three full fire watching duties, and the accommodation was apparently satisfactory, now that the manager's office was used.

Senior Fire Guard Arthur Robert Brackenborough said he interviewed defendant on 22nd May to ascertain his reason for not carrying out his duty two days previously. Defendant said he could not and would not carry out his duties at the post until the conditions were more adequate. In regard to defendant's complaint that there was no water for flushing the closets, witness said there was a tap only about 6ft. away from which a pail could be filled. With regard to the watch room, witness said defendant complained that there were fumes from the portable gas stove and if the door was left open to give ventilation there was a draught. Witness said defendant could have taken his bed to the men's lavatories—a room which was clean and not used, although there was no carpet on the floor and no light. He could also have gone to the manager's office, as he had since done.

Head Fire Guard Leonard Charles Attridge said he understood that since a meeting of the watchers on 3rd June a flue was being fitted for the gas fire.

In reply to the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan), the Town Clerk explained that the responsibility for providing adequate accommodation belonged to the occupiers of the business premises. It had to be approved by the local authority.

Foul Air.

Mr. Allfree said the watch room provided was the ante-room to the women's lavatories, where normally women would do their toilet. Adjoining were three water closets and washhand basins. It was in that room that the watchers were required to remain, sleep and have their meals for ten hours. The lavatories were insanitary, while the absence of a flue to the gas stove caused the place to become nothing less than a Black Hole of Calcutta after an hour or two, the air being so foul that one could only exist in it with serious consequences. On one occasion his client was laid up for two days after being in that Black Hole of Calcutta.

The Order, continued Mr. Allfree, provided that the occupiers of business premises should provide and maintain proper and adequate sleeping accommodation, bedding, sanitary conveniences and facilities for washing. Mr. Allfree contended that a women's lavatory was not proper accommodation for four men, and that in consequence the direction to fire watch there was ultra vires. The other rooms had not been allotted to the watchers and they never knew they were available.

"My client has no wish whatever to avoid the performance of his duties as a fire watcher," continued Mr. Allfree, "and has not avoided his duties. Except on one or two rare occasions, he has not failed to report for duty at the post. He has sometimes stayed late and then gone home to wait until he should be called upon, being available the whole of the night. He has always turned out whenever an alert sounded and attended at the post. Thereby he has been more prepared and in a far better condition to deal with any fire by remaining in his own house a short distance away than being half suffocated in that room. He has never neglected his duties and put more work on his fellow watchers, and has never put the public in unnecessary danger through any lack of performance of his duties."

Complaints Since February.

Mr. Allfree pointed out that defendant had been complaining of the conditions in letters since February, and nothing was done until 3rd June, when a meeting of the fire watchers was held, attended by the Fire Guard Staff Officer, when they were told for the first time that the manager's office could be used. Since then defendant had fully performed his duties, yet on 10th June a summons was issued for an alleged offence on 20th May.

Defendant told the magistrates that when he first reported for duty he was shown into the ante-room of the women's lavatories, and never received any definite instructions that any other room was available. The door dividing the room from the lavatories could not be properly closed on account of a gas pipe running through it. The atmosphere of the room was indescribable when the gas fire was on. In regard to the sanitary conditions, he said that in consequence of there being no water connections to the water closets in the building the water in them evaporated with the result that they emitted sewer gases which permeated the whole premises. He considered it was a matter for the sanitary authority, for such a thing would not be permitted in a small cottage. To continue to sleep in that room would, he felt, undermine his health. On one occasion he was laid up for two days. He made verbal complaints before February, and up to 20th May the only thing done was to provide two more helmets. When he first started watching the manager's room was used by the cinema's paid watcher. It was first used by the group on 1st June.

Cold Alternative.

In regard to the suggestion that he could have taken his bed to another room, he drew attention to the weather last winter and compared the atmosphere of the room allotted to them with the other rooms, bare and without heating, with sometimes 14 or 16 degrees of frost. He had to commence work at Ramsgate at nine o'clock in the morning and it did not give him much time if he watched until eight o'clock.

The Town Clerk quoted from a letter sent to defendant by the principal regional officer of the Ministry of Home Security giving an extract of the report of the regional fire officer as follows: "I visited the Astoria Cinema and saw the quarters assigned to the fire guard. In my opinion they are quite adequate. The part of the cinema used is not damaged. . . . There is nothing to prevent the fire watchers using any other part of the building, all of which is at their disposal." The letter was dated 9th June.

The Town Clerk suggested that it was quite possible to put one bed in the lavatory, adjoining the ante-room.

The Magistrates' Clerk: But it is a lavatory.

Mr. Allfree: I should not want to sleep in a lavatory.

Poisonous Atmosphere.

Ralph Page, a fire watcher in the Astoria group, said in reply to Mr. Allfree that they were never told there was other accommodation until 3rd June. The ante-room did not meet with his approval. He objected to the fumes from the gas fire and the fact that there was no water connected to the lavatories. He suffered ill effects by sleeping there, and three times during the winter had severe attacks of bronchitis, which he attributed to sleeping there. The atmosphere became poisonous.

Albert Edward Wheelband, another watcher, agreed with defendant's description of the conditions, and Robert Wilson, a former watcher at the post, said he often had to leave early, sometimes at three o'clock in the morning, because he could not tolerate the conditions. Eventually he had to see a doctor, who gave him a certificate that he was unfit for further watching.

After the magistrates had visited the cinema the Chairman announced the decision of the bench given above.

Ramsgate Man

BECOMES B.B.C. ANNOUNCER

Among the new announcers appointed by the British Broadcasting Corporation is Mr. Maurice Peatfield, formerly of Ramsgate.

Mr. Peatfield is the son-in-law of Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Maynard, Ramsgate Harbour Master, and Mrs. Maynard.

Following his marriage to Miss Dulcie Maynard, Mr. Peatfield went to live at Broadstairs.

Soon after the outbreak of war he obtained a commission in the Army and he has recently been invalided out.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The Dump Raid

The date of the most spectacularly sensational raid on Ramsgate will ever remain a nightmare memory to those who passed through the prolonged horror of that terrible experience.

It was a memorable Sunday morning, 17th June, 1917. The Fish Market, a range of buildings which stood between the first bridge of the Crosswall and the Harbour Clock House, had been converted for the time being into a naval magazine in which were stored shells of various calibres, machine-gun and rifle ammunition, depth charges used by submarine-chasers and one or two German mines picked up in the Downs. The scene, when an aerial torpedo exploded in the midst ot this deadly collection of war material, defies description. A sheet of blood-red flame shot upwards and for hours ammunition of all kinds continued to explode with a tornado of fury. As the spreading flames of the blazing mass sent a gorgeous glow of colour to the sky, the rumour spread inland that the whole of Ramsgate was on fire and as the fury of the explosions became intensified many of the inhabitants themselves believed the enemy were attempting a landing.

For two hours the Zeppelin had awaited its opportunity. From midnight it hovered—inexplicably undisturbed—over the coast-line and was occasionaly seen as it reconnoitred between the North Foreland and Ramsgate. It was not until two o'clock that the beam of a searchlight shot up into the sky from the West Cliff and immediately—before a shot was fired—the Zeppelin launched two aerial torpedoes, one of which fell in the sea between the Marina and the East Pier, while the other dropped with unerring precision on the ammunition dump.

Deeds of Heroism.

In the dreadful havoc of destruction which followed, deathless deeds of heroism were performed by the naval men stationed at the port, whose efforts in subduing the inferno were afterwards assisted by the fire brigades of the district. It was not until daylight, however, that the danger was overcome and through the hours of darkness brave men—among their leaders Mr. Ratcliff, Gunner, R.N., Master-at-Arms Fish, C.P.Os. Landeryou and Cathay and Colour-Sgt. Lawford, R.M.L.I.—fearlessly took their lives in their hands in tackling the raging furnace of explosives.

Miraculously enough there was no loss of life at the harbour, although Sub-Lt. Davies, first officer of H.M.S. Ceto, and P/C F. Shaxted, who was on duty at the Pier Gates, were both seriously injured in the leg. P/O F. Harty, one of those who had a marvellous escape, left his bed at the rear of the Fish Market only just in time to see it become a mass of wreckage.

The Zeppelin, however, had not completed its work of destruction and another aerial torpedo practically obliterated several old cottages in Albert-street, West Cliff. At dawn, a bantam cock crowed lustily upon a heap of dust and rubbish, all that remained to show where houses had once stood and beneath which several people were buried.

Grim Rescue Work.

The ghastly horror of the scene will never be effaced from the memory of those who took part in the grim work of rescue, urged to the limit of human endeavour by the heart-rending cries of those imprisoned in the ruins. Benjamin Thouless and Jonathan Hamlyn, two elderly fishermen, were dead when extricated, and Mrs. Hamlyn, the wife of the latter, who was rescued after two hours of strenuous exertion, died half an hour afterwards. Several other people living in the street were injured, including Sig. McWirter, who helped to rescue three people before he was taken to hospital to have his own wounds dressed.

In Crescent-road many dwellings of a better class were extensively damaged by another aerial torpedo which burst in the front garden of a house occupied by Mr. S. Edwards, local secretary of Our Dumb Friends' League. The majority of those living in the wrecked houses escaped uninjured, but among those wounded was Lt. Warden, R.A.F., an officer home on leave from the front.

Before finally leaving the district, the Zeppelin dropped more aerial torpedoes in the neighbourhood of St. Lawrence, where Southwood House, the residence of Lady Rose Weigall, was damaged, and at Manston, where the windows of Ferndale again suffered, together with the glass at the Cottage Homes and Poleash Cottages. A final delivery landed harmlessly in fields at Lydden and Nash Court.

What Daylight Revealed.

When daylight came, Ramsgate presented an extraordinary picture of devastation and debris. In a few minutes the explosion had shattered ten thousand sheets of glass and it was impossible to walk in any of the main streets without feeling the crunch of glass under one's feet. In Harbour-street, where the suction was tremendous, models and millinery from the windows and showrooms of Messrs. Lewis and Hyland were mixed in the roadway with grocery, china and all kinds of merchandise from other shops. The houses on the sea front were shaken to their foundations and, owing to the widespread damage, it was necessary for a time to close a third of the town, all the main streets being shut to traffic. Through the prompt measures for public safety taken by the authorities—and the police on this occasion received valuable assistance from the "specials"—thousands of sightseers who came in later in the day were thereby debarred from viewing the main effect of the raid.

Though Ramsgate's ruin at that time seemed complete, the inhabitants, according to a description in "The Times," resembled the population of an ant-heap. As soon as the raid was over they started as far as possible to repair the damage that had been done.

Nearly 700 houses had been damaged—over 40 tons of splintered glass were collected and the material damage amounted at least to £60,000—three people were killed and 16 injured. Yet, like the spider through whose web a twig had been drawn, Ramsgate quietly set to work to repair the damage after this memorable visit of a German Zeppelin. The fate of the Zeppelin itself is unknown, but it is significant that the enemy never issued any announcement of their achievement, the most destructive of any of their visits to Thanet.

The number of convictions obtained by the R.S.P.C.A. for cruelty to animals during May was 51, a decrease of 17 compared with April and 15 with the corresponding month the previous year. The number of convictions during the month in Kent was two.

MRS. E. FLATT OF CHEAM, SURREY

advocates

The snowball system for group savings

"THE great feature of our Savings group is its steady growth," says Mrs. Flatt, the secretary. Mrs. Flatt's group was started two years ago at the Wardens' Post in Glebe Road, Cheam. "Every little while we put up a notice at our Post urging each present member to bring one new member that week. It's amazing how well this 'snowball' idea works. People are keen and very willing to help but they are apt to slip back if not reminded. As secretary, I've made it my job to keep reminding them and you can see the results in our savings totals. When I took over 17 months ago, the average was about £36 10s. a month. *But for a long time now it's been £450 a month.*"

"Salesmanship? Well, yes—I do try to introduce a touch of it into my methods," says this enterprising but delightfully modest secretary. "My husband's business is concerned with that, you see, and I suppose I have picked up hints from him. I don't chivy or pester people—that would never do. I just make my calls regularly and chat about all sorts of things—a son coming home on leave, a daughter joining up, say. A sympathetic atmosphere helps so much."

"Our totals, imposing as they sound, are all made up of small sums. The members are just ordinary folk and some of them have been hard hit by the war. But I try to keep them up to whatever they can manage—even a very little, so long as it comes in regularly, is splendidly worth while."

"One field I've rather specialised in—that's children. They really are marvellous, once you can get them started. One little boy brings me as much as 7s. 6d. sometimes—money he has earned himself. I try to keep a store of sweets on hand so that I can give a few each time as a reward. Bribery? But it's all in such a *very* excellent cause!"

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50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

GENERAL ELECTION

At last the date of the general election has been definitely settled, and businessmen generally are congratulating themselves on the fact that it will be all over before we get into the rush of the season. We will have a stiff fight in Thanet, and even people who profess to know something are chary of venturing a forecast of the result. No personalities have been introduced, and so far there is every probability of the election being conducted in a manner calculated to reflect credit on the constituency. The candidates are the sitting Member, the Rt. Jones James Lowther, conservative, and Mr. Heber Hart, liberal.

DREADFUL EFFLUVIUM

It is quite evident that the dreadful effluvium experienced on the East Pier at Ramsgate last week was caused by the fact that the sluices have not been run for some time. At low water people had actually to go through the undignified performance of squeezing their olfactory organs during their promenade. Curiously enough the annoyance was at its worst immediately opposite the French vessel that has now been lying in the harbour for some considerable time; and the idea got about that the ship was swarming with rats, many of which were dead. This was rather a far-fetched theory. Everything depended on the sluices, and in similar circumstances in future we really think it would be advisable even to risk a little damage to shipping rather than have half the people in the place struck down with malarial fever.

RAMSGATE ARTISTS

The third exhibition of art and industry held in Ramsgate has now come to a close, and both artist and artisan have once more returned to their ordinary avocations. In many respects it has been eminently successful. Especially is this the case when regarded from the artistic point of view. Ramsgate can turn out artists who can produce work in every respect a credit to the town.

GIVING THE NATION GOOD MILK

To produce all the milk possible is the first priority call on home agriculture. It is essential to the national effort and the efficient milk producer should be congratulated on the way he is tackling the problem under difficult war-time conditions. Milk production is now a strenuous business involving constant attention to detail, with drastic changes in cropping, feeding, management and labour.

To make the distribution service as efficient as possible, the produucers and distributors have agreed to co-operate with the government departments concerned in a national milk testing and advisory service. The main object of this scheme is to improve general keeping quality and, in particular, to reduce to a minimum wastage from souring during hot weather.

The scheme will be under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture, assisted by an advisory committee representative of government departments, milk producers and distributors. It will endeavour to place on a national basis the system of milk sampling and testing already adopted by the more progressive milk distributors.

Each producer's milk will be liable to sampling and testing under approved conditions, and the result will form the basis for advisory visits to farmers whose milk is not satisfactory. In the initial stages the main emphasis will be on milk supplies passing through the depots, creameries and large dairies, but eventually it is hoped to include all supplies and to use results as the basis for payment according to keeping quality.

It will also be possible to improve the general efficiency of milk depots and dairies, transport arrangements and the cleansing of milk containers and bottles.

HOPPITY GOES TO TOWN

FEATURE CARTOON AT ODEON

Elisabeth Bergner in her first American-made picture and a feature-length Max Fleischer cartoon are included in the programmes at the Odeon Cinema, gate, this week.

"Paris Calling," chief film to-day, is a study in contrasts, in story and in settings, and the performance achieved by Elisabeth Bergner is outstanding. The contrasts come with the fortuitous arrival of an American member of the R.A.F., played by Randolph Scott, who is left stranded in France after the evacuation; the incompetence displayed by Gestapo agents, and a vivid thrilling climax in which a British seaplane puts down in a French port with a detachment of sailors, who overcome the Gestapo agents, and bring Miss Bergner safely to England. Basil Rathbone, Gale Sondergaard and Edward Ciannelli head the supporting cast. Also being screened is "Radio Revels of 1942," with Ken Murray and Frances Langford.

"Hoppity Goes to Town," chief feature for the latter part of the week, is the first feature-length technicolor cartoon to tell a story of to-day. Basically, the theme is the fight for life of the community of little people (called insects by humans) against the avarice and greed of one of their own members, and the menace they fear most of all—the human race. They live in a weedy patch of earth just 45 inches from Broadway. Co-stars are Honey, a glamorous bee, and Hoppity, a handsome grasshopper. The supporting cast includes C. Bagley Beetle, the villain; Swat, the fly; Smack, the mosquito; and Mr. Bumble, the kindly, well-meaning old bee. There are 23,000 other characters in the cartoon. "Easy Living," with Jean Arthur, Edward Arnold and Ray Milland, will also be shown.

MARGATE'S HELP

FOR RED CROSS FUND

For the past 19 months Margate has raised £100 a month for the purpose of the despatch of Red Cross parcels to local men who are prisoners of war.

In a letter to the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare), Lord Iliffe, appeal chairman of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, writes: "I have just had word from Lady Violet Astor of the great help you have given, and are still giving, to the Prisoners of War Department of the Joint War Organisation by raising over £100 a month for the past 19 months. We are indeed grateful for such fine assistance, and I shall make a point of mentioning this item to H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester as soon as he returns from abroad.

"There is urgent need for a constant flow of new revenue to maintain and extend the many different services for which the Joint War Organisation is responsible, and I feel that, under your leadership, the people of Margate will continue to give us their help in generous measure. Please let them know how sincerely we appreciate all that you yourself and they are doing to help, particularly in view of the very difficult conditions that exist in several of our south-east coast towns."

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Whist Drives every Thursday at 7 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternatively. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices, Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

National Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 13th June amounted to £1,638. The sum was made up of an increase of £1,112 due to depositors in the Post Office savings bank, £291 in savings certificates, £185 in defence bonds, and £50 in 3 per cent. savings bonds.

Emergency Cooking.—A demonstration of the emergency cooking stoves which have proved of great service in blitzed areas will be given by Ramsgate Rangers outside Clarendon House on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Members of the W.V.S. and friends are particularly invited to attend.

Four New Groups.—Four new savings groups have been formed in Ramsgate this week. They are Dane-crescent (secretary, Mrs. E. V. Young, 24 Dane-crescent), Dane Park-road (Mrs. D. M. Shaxted, 92 Dane Park-road), Salisbury-avenue (Miss M. D. Smith, 22 Salisbury-avenue), and Queen Bertha-road, including Rawdon-road and Clarence-road (Mrs. V. M. Knivett, 2 Norman-road). A group is in course of formation to cover Dumpton Park-road.

BROADSTAIRS

Hospital Collection.—Sums of 30s. each have been sent to Ramsgate and Margate Hospitals as a result of the collections at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, 14th June.

Killed in Action.—It is reported that Ldg. Stkr. Harold Rowe, R.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rowe, of 5 Balliol-road, Reading Street, St. Peter's, has been killed in action.

Savings.—Broadstairs' contribution of £488 to the national savings movement last week consisted of an increase of £309 in deposits in the Post Office savings bank, £174 in savings certificates and £5 in defence bonds.

Death of Miss M. Harrison-Smith.—Third daughter of the late Fleet-Surg. and Mrs. Harrison-Smith, of Ramsgate, Miss Minna Harrison-Smith passed away at 15 Percy-road, Broadstairs, on Tuesday.

First Aces.—By 23 shots to 21, Messrs. S. A. Gifford and F. Morgan defeated Messrs. F. Carey and F. Broadbent in the first aces bowls competition of the season at Broadstairs Memorial recreation ground on Tuesday. The next challengers are Messrs. H. S. Price and H. Gilham.

Win For Navy.—In a cricket match at St. Peter's recreation ground last week an XI representing the Royal Navy defeated a Broadstairs side by seven runs. Broadstairs were dismissed for 34, Willis (12) being the only double-figure contributor. The Navy replied with 41, Williams taking 5 wickets for 10 runs and Foord 4 for 28.

Templar Social.—Organised by Mrs. L. A. Ware, D.D.M., Lodge Secretary, who was celebrating her birthday, a social in aid of the Thanet Templar Wool Fund, to provide comforts for serving members, was held at Broadstairs Good Templar Hall on Tuesday. Thanks to Mrs. Ware for making the arrangements were expressed by Mr. T. E. McCabe, L.D.

Deficit Wiped Out.—At a meeting of Queen's-road Baptist Church, Broadstairs, the treasurers, Messrs. S. A. Gifford and E. Golding, reported that the deficit from the previous year had been wiped out and there was now a balance of over £40. It was decided to ask the Minister, Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, to continue the oversight of the church, in conjunction with The Vale Congregational Church, for a further period.

MR. A. F. HENNING

FUNERAL AT MARGATE

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. Arthur Frederick Henning, of Sabine, Madeira-road, Margate, who passed away at Birchington at the age of 41.

Mr. Henning had been ill for some months and left hospital only about a fortnight before his death.

Youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Henning, Mr. Henning was a director of the mineral water firm of George Barrett and Co. Ltd.

He was a member of the Union Lodge (No. 127) of Freemasons and of the Constitutional and Oddfellows' Clubs. He leaves a widow and an adopted daughter.

A service at Holy Trinity Church preceded the interment, the Vicar of Margate (Rev. D. V. Beckingham) officiating.

The mourners were Mrs. J. Henning (widow), Mr. and Mrs. J. Henning and Mr. and Mrs. S. Henning (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. P. Pullinger (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mrs. F. Bowchier and Mrs. McCarthy (sisters), Mrs. Balsdon and Miss G. Pullinger (sisters-in-law), Mr. G. Pullinger and Mr. B. Pullinger (brothers-in-law), Mr. A. Balsdon, Mrs. G. Pullinger and Mrs. Strachan (niece).

FRED HARGRAVES BROADCASTS

Freddy Hargraves and his Swing Band broadcast in the B.B.C. programme for the Forces on Wednesday evening.

From beginning to end the programme went with a swing and demonstrated—if it was necessary—how fortunate Ramsgate is in having the services of so talented a band leader for the dances at the West Cliff Theatre.

Wednesday's broadcast was from Maidstone.

NATIONAL MILK CONTEST

AN EFFORT TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, has launched what may well be the most important agricultural contest ever held in this country—the Victory Churn Contest. Every county in England and Wales has already been set a milk production target representing a 5 per cent. increase on last year. But that is a minimum and the object of this national contest is to encourage maximum production in every county and on every dairy farm.

The Royal Agricultural Society of England have agreed to present a challenge trophy to be awarded annually to the county achieving the most meritorious increase in milk output, starting with the year ending 31st March, 1943. An anonymous donor has presented six silver challenge churns—to be called "National Victory Churns"—for award annually to the leading counties in the six areas into which the country has been divided for the purposes of the contest.

Six Regional Milk Leagues have been formed—Northern, Midland, Eastern, Western and Southern Leagues for England, and a Welsh League embracing all the Welsh counties. The Southern League consists of East Sussex, West Sussex, Kent, Surrey, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire, Bucks, London and Middlesex.

League tables will be published from time to time showing the "points" gained by the counties and their position for June, September, December (1942) and March, 1943. The "points" will be calculated by the Milk Marketing Board after comparing the milk sales for the month concerned with those for the corresponding month of 1941.

Every Gallon Counts.

Mr. Hudson has told every dairy farmer that his milk production this year may mean life or death to the nation, and that every gallon will count—specially next winter. Extra weight will, therefore, be given to winter milk production in assessing the "points."

In addition to the award of county trophies, outstanding achievement by the individual farmer and his herdsman or herdswoman will be recognised by the award of a "gold" or "silver" certificate to the farm. The "gold" certificate will go to the farm marketing 20 per cent. or more milk than in the previous year, while the farm showing an increase of not less than 10 per cent. will merit a "silver" certificate. Farmers who qualify for one or other of these awards must submit claims, supported by figures that will be checked by reference to the records of the Milk Marketing Board.

A spirit of determination has been aroused by the milk targets given to county committees earlier in the year, and it is hoped that the contest now announced will stimulate such healthy and vigorous competition between counties and individual farms that redoubled efforts will in many cases result in increased output far in excess of the targets already set.

Self-sufficiency in home-grown feeding stuffs, improvements in feeding technique, earlier calving, rearing calves on less milk and healthier herds due to the veterinary control scheme can all contribute their quota to greater output.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES PLANNING

TRAIN RUNNING IN WAR-TIME

Solving a giant jigsaw puzzle of pieces representing railway workers, rolling stock, running lines, stations, depots, docks and sidings with the countrywide picture constantly changing is the problem which day and night confronts the railways.

Few people realise the amount of elaborate behind-the-scenes planning and the detailed preparation which is necessary every day and all night to organise the movements of locomotives, vehicles, and the duties of the railway staff to maintain the fluctuating services required to keep Britain's war effort at concert pitch.

Working schedules covering each district and area take into account many railway service movements of engines, carriages and wagons and vehicles of all types which must be made to balance. For example, workpeople travel to factories, offices, shops and stores in the morning. Trains are heavily loaded in one direction only. Sets of suburban carriages return to sheds and sidings to remain until they are wanted again for the one-way traffic in the evening rush hours. Work is found for enginemen, motormen, and guards on other services, locomotives are employed elsewhere, and the three sets of railway workers who are employed during the 24 hours take up the task of maintaining the services when they are required.

In peace-time transport movements are fairly regular; the majority of trains are planned and timed beforehand into working time-tables so that every member of the staff knows several days ahead when and where and how long they will be required.

In war, whilst each and every movement of engines, carriages and wagons must be scheduled, and the times of duty of drivers, motormen, firemen and guards must be synchronised so that the best possible use is made of their time and energies, sudden alterations, additional trains, enemy action, the black-out, unheralded weather changes, sickness and the staff changes due to the release of men for the fighting forces intensify a hundredfold the tasks of making the most of trains and tracks.

The alteration of the running of a single train may affect the working of a hundred other trains, and an urgent call for wagons may be felt 200 miles away.

The railways are able to improvise and adapt their complex organisations in times of extreme emergency, but the necessity to move mountains of war freights, multitudes of passengers, and to maintain the distribution of foodstuffs, letters, parcels and newspapers with regularity is dependent upon constant arranging, planning and supervision, not only of the actual movements by rail, but also of the upkeep of the tracks, the rolling stock and equipment and the staff. There is, perhaps, nothing comparable to the behind-the-scenes work of running the railways at full pressure 24 hours a day in total war.

O.R'S DEATH

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, Mr. Ronald Thomas Pursey, B.Sc., aged 31, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. J. Pursey, of Northdown-avenue, Margate, died at Kent and Surrey Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, last week, following an accident.

An electrical engineer, Mr. Pursey, a married man, was engaged on research work.

After leaving Chatham House Mr. Pursey was for five years apprenticed to a Rugby firm of electrical engineers.

DEATH OF MR. A. J. HOLT

BROADSTAIRS LOSS

One of the staunchest supporters of Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, for many years past, Mr. Arthur James Holt, of Battlehurst, Stone-road, Broadstairs, passed away at Margate General Hospital on Wednesday.

To his many friends the news of the death of Mr. Holt will come as a great shock for he was taken ill only on the previous Monday and was admitted to hospital the same day.

Seventy-three years of age, Mr. Holt carried on business as a wine and spirit merchant at Albion-street, Broadstairs, and was closely associated with many activities in the town. He was the oldest member of the Bradstow Lodge (No. 2448) of Freemasons.

He was a member of Broadstairs Council from 1906 to 1914, representing the Broadstairs Ward. It was in 1914 that the number of wards was increased from two to four.

Coming to Broadstairs from Battle in 1883, Mr. Holt opened the business in Albion-street. In 1908 he went into partnership with his brother, the late Mr. W. Holt, who died last October.

It is in connection with Holy Trinity Church that Mr. Holt will be best remembered. He was Rector's warden for 26 years, retiring in 1936. As a war-time measure he returned to take over the office recently and was serving the church in this capacity at the time of his death.

The Funeral.

Following a short service at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. H. Bailey), the funeral took place at St. Peter's Churchyard on Saturday.

The hymns "The King of Love my Shepherd is" and "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," and the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd" were sung, and as the cortege left the church the Nunc Dimittis was rendered.

Among the family mourners were Mr. R. Wells (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. G. West (nephew and niece), Miss E. Holt (cousin), Miss M. May and Miss R. May (sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. T. May (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), and Miss F. Upton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bolding and Miss Kempton (friends).

Others who attended included the Rev. W. Kingdon, Councillors H. Bing and G. W. Lane, Mr. E. F. Owen (Clerk to Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council), Mr. R. Saxby (people's warden), Mr. T. O. Studd (church secretary), Messrs. C. Reside, F. Carey, Hugh Smith, Davis, L. Lee and A. G. Hiscoke, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright and Mrs. C. Read.

LIBYA VICTIM

BROADSTAIRS CAPTAIN KILLED

Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Elliott, of Stanley-road, Broadstairs, Capt. Charles Stanley Elliott, D.C.M., of the Royal Tank Regiment, has been reported killed in action in Libya on 27th May.

Joining the Army in 1937, Capt. Elliott was serving in Egypt at the outbreak of war. He spent a few weeks at Broadstairs in 1939 and has since been serving with the forces in the Middle East.

Capt. Elliott was awarded the D.C.M. when holding the rank of sergeant in January, 1941.

The official announcement of the award stated:

"When the tank commanded by this N.C.O. had gained its objective it broke a track and became immobile during operations. Soon after another tank, about 40 yards away, caught fire. Sgt. Elliott got out of his tank, although still surrounded by the enemy, and rescued the two occupants of the burning tank who had been seriously wounded by anti-tank rifle fire from the top of a building 15 yards away. He laid the two wounded men between his tank and a bank and dismounted a machine-gun and went into action with it, as owing to the position of his tank he found it impossible to man his gun properly from his own tank. The courage and resource of this N.C.O. throughout the operation was most outstanding."

A former officer in the London Fire Brigade, Mr. Elliott, senr., was for two years hon. secretary of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Bowling Club. He has three other sons in the forces.

BOWLS

RAMSGATE'S ONE-SHOT VICTORY

By one shot (65—64), Ramsgate B.C. defeated Dane Park B.C. in a match played at Margate.

The rink scores were:

Ramsgate	
O. Hughes, W. Fudge, E. Groom, J. B. Sharman	26
S. Porritt, T. Fletcher, F. Porritt, T. W. Mockridge	16
A. Creasy, A. Dadds, C. Woodhams, G. Eccleston	23
Dane Park	
J. Lattimore, Mrs. King, S. R. King, W. R. Rickon	19
E. Amos, R. W. Parker, A. J. Munday, E. Pettett	22
G. Pyle, J. Hogben, R. Ovenden, A. Bradley	23

DANE PARK COMPETITIONS

Later results in the Dane Park competitions are:—

Singles—F. Barnes 24, J. A. Simpson 15; H. J. Bayley 21, B. Wells 10; A. Munday 23, I. Kennard 22; J. Lattimore 22, H. Foster 10; W. Fudge 22, R. Thurston (owes 6) 22; E. Marshall 27, J. Hogben 17; J. Lattimore 22, H. J. Bayley 6; E. Pettett 28, Mrs. King 10; G. W. Solly 25, Mrs. Powell 20.

Pairs—E. Makepeace and J. A. Simpson (rec. 1) 24, Mrs. Powell and W. R. Rickon 23; R. Mable and S. R. King 19, R. Parker and I. Kennard 14; G. Pyle and E. Pettett 22, J. Lattimore and J. Rhodes 16; G. W. Solly and S. Ovenden 22, W. Caton and A. J. Munday 16; W. Fudge and H. Howard 27, H. Foster and A. Kennard 17; H. Harvey and E. Marshall 31, H. Street and C. Arrow 8.

MINSTER.

Red Cross Collections.—Together with the proceeds of a whist drive and dance held the previous week, the collection in aid of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation at Minster, Monkton and Acol on 13th June realised £29 12s. 6d.

Death of Former Organist.—Former organist at Minster Parish Church, Mr. Albert Edward Warren passed away at Nuneaton last week at the age of 76 years. While at Minster Mr. Warren lived in Augustine-road. Tribute to his memory was paid by the Vicar of St. Mary's (Canon A. W. MacMichael) on Sunday, when Mr. L. Chandler, the organist, played Mr. Warren's favourite composition and Miss Wellard sang "O Rest in the Lord," his favourite anthem.

PERFORMING RIGHTS AND WRONGS

SECRETARY'S REPLY TO COUNCILLOR

In the correspondence columns of "The Spectator," Councillor A. R. Young, chairman of Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee, has found a wider platform than the Council Chamber for his indictment of the Performing Right Society concerning the fees charged local authorities using wireless receiving sets in their British Restaurants. It appears that the scale of fees, which received the benediction of the Ministry of Food, varies with the seating capacity of the restaurant. Ramsgate was asked to pay the minimum—four and a half guineas a year each for restaurants seating not more than a hundred customers—but as the charges rise a guinea for every 50 additional seats, it is to be inferred that in the aggregate the society would receive a fairly substantial sum during the course of the year.

Councillor Young points out that British Restaurants were created and are kept up, with the aid of many unpaid volunteers, to meet a vital war need; that wireless receiving sets are kept in them because it is considered that the dissemination of news might be vital in an emergency and because, where the restaurants operate as rest centres for bombed-out people the entertainment provided helps to reduce shock and to restore a normal outlook.

Private Gain.

From this Councillor Young argues that it is wrong for private gain on such a large scale to accrue to a commercial organisation from a national effort and at the public expense. He asks "Is the society in any better position than the speculator in land who buys up property which he knows is going to be improved by public works and sells afterwards at the enhanced value such works have created?"

Answering his own question, Councillor Young proceeds "My own feeling against both these activities own feeling against both these activities is based on the same argument—namely that it is a social wrong to permit private gain out of improvements made, at the public expense and effort, in the value of private rights and property. The present situation is a pure gift to the Performing Right Society, which has, solely because of a national crisis, stumbled on a rich new source of income."

Unjustified Expressions.

Councillor Young's challenge has been taken up by Mr. C. F. James, general manager of the Performing Right Society, who writes:

Councillor A. R. Young accuses the Ministry of Food of having made a bad bargain with the Performing Right Society in regard to fees for the performance of copyright music by wireless receiving sets in British Restaurants. He also accuses the society of exploiting the national crisis for "private gain," calls it a "commercial organisation" demanding "extortionate profits" "against the public interest," and in his eagerness to condemn the society by the generous use of these entirely unjustified expressions, he betrays the fact that he cannot have read one word of the explanatory literature which the society has issued during the 28 years of its existence. Surely it would have been wiser to take this elementary precaution before rushing into print?

The scale of fees agreed with the Ministry of Food is the lowest under the society's tariff for restaurants—in other words it is the rate applied to third-class cafes and tea-rooms. This modest basis was accepted by the society as one of the many similar concessions it is making by way of a contribution to the national effort. Councillor Young thinks that the total fees paid by the British Restaurants will be a "very large sum," but even if it amounted to a few hundred pounds per annum, the aggregate amount is not what has to be considered—it is the few shillings or pence receivable by the thousands of composers and authors entitled to share in it. If Councillor Young had any notion of the small addition it represents to the modest annual income of the average composer, perhaps even he might not find it a "very large sum."

Composers' Sacrifice.

It might be urged, with justice, that as music is of such value to the national effort, the composer ought to be paid more highly than in normal times, particularly in view of the diminution in his income caused by the cessation of so many peace-time entertainments. Actually, however, the composer, through the society, is accepting lower rates than the normal where some special war-time use of music is involved. The scale Councillor Young mentions works out at about 3d. per day per restaurant. That 3d. has to be divided among the composers, authors and publishers of the many tunes played during the day, and the society is quite content to leave impartial judgment to decide whether this is "extortionate."

HOLLYWOOD STARS

NEW TEAM AT THE KING'S

Some of Hollywood's best-known stars are featured in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Rams-Ramsgate, this week.

Bringing to the screen a new romantic star team, Robert Taylor and Lana Turner head the cast of "Johnny Eager" to-day. For the first time Taylor plays an unsympathetic role as a racketeer. The story is woven about the twisted love of an unscrupulous gangster for the daughter of his enemy, the district attorney. Edward Arnold is seen as the D.A., who matches wits with the criminal. Their ill-fated love ends with the death of the racketeer, who sacrifices his life in the one fleeting moment when he appreciates the love she bears him. Also being shown is "Rocky Mountain Rangers," with Robert Livingstone, Raymond Hatton and Duncan Renaldo.

Heralding the return to the screen of Ann Sheridan, "Navy Blues," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week, also brings Martha Raye out of temporary Hollywood retirement. In addition, the cast includes Jack Oakie, Jack Haley, Eddie Albert, Jack Carson and, new to films, Jackie Gleason, of night club fame. There are lots of pretty girls, including the "Navy Blue Sextette," the six girls selected by the men of the U.S. Navy as the loveliest in Hollywood, and lots of gags for the principals to bandy about. Songs were written by Arthur Schwartz, and the elaborate dance routines devised by Seymour Felix, who staged some of the great Ziegfeld's most memorable Broadway successes. There will be a full supporting programme.

Decorated.—Maj. Vivian B. Rogers, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., youngest brother of the Misses Rogers, of Springfield, Hengist-road, Westgate, has been awarded the O.B.E.

INWARD SPIRAL

THE AMATEUR DRAMA

By L. A. G. STRONG

The American philosopher Henry Adams believed that human progress went in spirals. One spiral worked outwards to external things, the next worked in again to man himself. For the last two hundred years, according to Adams, Western development has gone outwards to a civilisation of apparatus, an age of the machine; and he foretold that in the first half of this century the outermost rim of this objective spiral would be reached, and man's attention would once more turn inwards to himself.

There are signs that Adams' prediction has come true. The decay of materialism in scientific thought, particularly in physics: the increasing use of psychological methods in medicine: the realisation that social welfare depends on more than economic conditions: the widening interest in music and the arts: the re-awakening of a religious sense: all these are evidence that Western man is beginning to turn his eyes inwards, to the centre of his being. At a recent session the Brains Trust, asked what was the greatest gap in human knowledge, replied unanimously that man's first need now was to understand himself.

I have in mind still further evidence of the struggle to free our spirit from the fetters of a mechanical age; evidence reimpressed upon me during the last few months, when, at such times as I could spare, I have been acting as judge at festivals of amateur drama. The growth of the amateur dramatic movement would have delighted Henry Adams, had he lived to see it. Thirty years ago most amateur acting was a joke. Hardly anyone took it seriously. The amateur player had no incentives but fun or vanity. Touring companies regularly visited the towns, and gave them all the theatre they wanted. Then came the movies, comfortable, easy, cheap, and drove the touring companies away. Those who wanted a living theatre had to make it for themselves.

They did make it. In 1939 every town and most villages had organised groups of amateurs, the best of whom reached a standard of acting and production undreamed of 30 years ago. Hundreds of these groups, affiliated to a parent society, held festivals from which the pick of the competing teams met in a national festival under the eye of professional judges. The performances of these amateurs, acting for the love of it, often astonished the said judges: and the general level was high.

What is more, the amateur groups were able to stage experimental work which the commercial theatre dared not risk. It is no exaggeration to say that, by the time the war broke out, the amateur movement was contributing a large and steadily increasing share to the art of the theatre.

Discoveries of New Joys.

And it was doing more. To give statistics, to talk in terms of groups and festivals, is to regress into the materialistic spiral which, by the grace of God, we have left. These tens of thousands of amateur players discovered many things about art, about life, about themselves. They discovered the joy of collaborating to make a work of art. They learned the thrill of getting outside themselves into the skin of another character, or of bringing that character's experience into themselves until it could find expression through them. They learned that one could make one's own amusement, that in order to be happy one does not need to be perpetually rushing about from one elaborate apparatus to another. They had won freedom from the machines. Even though they worked in mill or factory, these hours they spent rehearsing and staging their plays had set them free.

They discovered an even more extraordinary thing. Acting did one good. Obscure and diffident people, who had never shone at anything, found a talent no one had suspected, and were given confidence to play their part in real life. Men and girls who found difficulty in expressing themselves, whose voices were cramped by timidity and self-distrust, found to their amazement that the effort to assume another personality had freed their voices, strengthened them, and made them natural. I do not say this happened in every case, but it happened to thousands upon thousands. When I was teaching I saw, year after year, the astonishing results on individuals of working together to produce a play, results to character, mind, and general happiness. The actors were not only made free of a new world. They carried their freedom to the world of everyday life. In 12 years' experience, I never saw a boy the worse—except, in rare cases, for a mild attack of swelled head, soon corrected by his companions—and the same holds good with adults.

I am talking as if all this were in the past. It isn't—as I have the best of reasons for knowing. Since January I have seen more than two score of plays, produced in any and every sort of hall, often under conditions of fantastic difficulty. The difficulty has been treated as a joke, the level of performance in many cases has been excellent, and I have seen three or four performances I shall not forget. One of these did not reach a high level artistically, but I think I shall remember it best of all.

A Youth Club was putting on a play on the outskirts of a town which had had two sharp raids the week before. The hall was preposterous, the stage like a window sill, and the lights refused to work. The performance started late, by the light of candles and an open window. It had not been going five minutes when the siren screamed from a roof a hundred yards away. By not so much as a flicker did players or audience show that they had heard it. They carried on, despite the hurried and noisy inrush of the Home Guard, whose weapons were kept behind the stage. Through these and many other interruptions, including, 20 minutes later, the All Clear, these players, all under 17, played without faltering. They were in a world where mechanical terrors had no power. Their spirits were free.

KENT MASONIC HONOURS

Provincial honours were conferred on several Thanet Freemasons at the annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent held at the Freemasons' Hall, London, last week.

Among the officers appointed and invested by Lord Cornwallis, Provincial Grand Master, were:

S.G.D. (Past)—W. Bro. William Thomas Smith, P.M. Lewises Lodge, Ramsgate;

J.G.D. (Past)—W. Bro. Frederick Whiting, P.M. Cinque Ports Lodge, Sandwich;

G.Supt.Wks.—W. Bro. William James Austen, P.M. Royal Navy Lodge, Ramsgate;

A.G.D.C. (Past)—W. Bro. Charles Alfred Roberts, P.M. Bradstow Lodge, Broadstairs; W. Bro. George Gale, P.M. St. John's Thanet Lodge, Margate.

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H.G. BEAT SPECIALS

In a shooting match on an outdoor 100 yards range on Friday, Birchington Home Guard beat Margate Special Constabulary by 253 points to 234.

The scores were:

Special Constabulary—S/C Tatham 23, S/C Kirby 19, Sgt. Livick 20, Sgt. Wing 20, Sgt. Brown 21, S/C Rayner 17, S/C Wenman 7, S/C Dimmock 14, S/C Wells 15, S/C Sturton 20, S/C Care 22, S/C Bell 19, S/C Dadds 17.

Home Guard—Pte. Priest 15, Cpl. Holmes 21, Sgt. Coombes 24, L/Cpl. Saxby 12, Pte. Rose 21, Pte. Boucher 16, Q/M/S Phillips 14, Lt. P. K. Le May 24, C/S/M Friend 20, Lt. G. H. Walker 22, Sgt. Coombes 23, Cpl. Holmes 23, Pte. Rose 18.

MAY GIFTS TO HOSPITAL

Annual subscriptions received by Ramsgate General Hospital during May included £10 from Pearson and Dorman Long Ltd., £5 5s. from the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society, £2 2s. from Lloyds Bank Ltd., £1 1s. each from Mrs. C. E. Saull, Messrs. Scarlett and Goldsack, Mr. W. Staines, and James Wright (Ramsgate) Ltd., and £1 from Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hughes.

A donation of £1 1s. was received from Mr. R. Walter, of the Jolly Farmer Inn, Manston—proceeds of a darts and seed guessing competition—and £1 each from Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Basingstoke, in memory of their son, Sgt. Dennis Thomas Smith, and from Miss I. S. Quick.

The Ramsgate section of the Thanet Hospitals' Contributory Scheme contributed £62 10s., the Margate section £4 15s., and other contributory schemes £8 7s.

The collecting box at the hospital contained £1 13s. 10d.

Gifts in kind ranged from fowl houses and fencing to flowers and jig-saw puzzles.

SYMPATHY WITH CANTERBURY

Acknowledging an expression of Margate's sympathy with Canterbury on the recent raid on the City, the Mayor of Canterbury (Alderman C. Lefevre) wrote to the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare): "I am most grateful to you for the expression of sympathy to Canterbury in its trial. The kindness that we have already received from so many is making our task the easier. It is very sad to see the old city so maimed."

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BIRTHS

Howe.—14th June, at 43 Ramsgate-road, Margate, the wife of T. Howe, of a son.

Rowe.—14th June, at Long Ditton, Surrey, the wife of J. Rowe, of Westwood, of a son.

Saunders.—14th June, at 417 Margate-road, Ramsgate, the wife of William Saunders, of a son.

Sharp.—14th June, at 9 George-mansions, St. John's-road, Buxton, the wife of W. R. Sharp, of Broadstairs, of a son.

Spratling.—19th June, at Pembury Hospital, Clarice Spratling, of 1 Elmstone-road, Ramsgate, aged 51 years.

MARRIAGES

Baldock—Peers.—15th June, at St. Anne's Church, Bebington, Cpl. A. Baldock, R.A.F., of Margate, to Evelyn Peers, of Bebington, Cheshire.

Capel—Ryan.—16th June, at Uxbridge, Bernard Capel, D.F.M., R.A.F., of Andover, Hants, to Pauline Ryan, of Margate.

Goddard—Ward.—4th June, at Aberdeen House, Frederick Harold Goddard, of Halesworth, Suffolk, to Winifrith Charlotte Burden Ward, of Ramsgate.

Morling—Hastings.—15th June, at Aberdeen House, Ldg. Smn. Archibald Morling, R.N., of Cliffs End, to Joan Mary Hastings, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Drake.—15th June, Frederick George Drake, of Le Coin, Meadow-road, Margate, aged 53 years.

Eastland.—14th June, at 46 Bath-road, Margate, William Kemp Eastland, aged 77 years.

Harrison-Smith.—16th June, at 15 Percy-road, Broadstairs, Minna, third daughter of the late Fleet-Surg. Horace Harrison-Smith, M.D., R.N., and Mrs. Harrison-Smith, of Ramsgate.

Henning.—14th June, Arthur Frederick Henning, of Sabine, Clarendon-road, Margate, aged 41 years.

Holt.—17th June, Arthur James Holt, of Battlehurst, Stone-road, Broadstairs.

Salter.—14th June, at St. Monicas, Birchington, Mary Emily Salter, aged 81 years.

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